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Further information on EXTRA 88/97 (ASA 21/42/97, 19 June 1997) - Fear of torture

EAST TIMOR

Virgilio dos Santos Pinto
Cancio da Costa
Gil Ferdandes
Lorencio Monteira
Sergio Paulo Dias Quintas (note correction to name)
Aurelio Mendes
Jose da Costa
Joao da Costa
Aurelio
Aleco Neves

Amnesty International has just learned that the 10 men named above were believed to have been released from custody several days after their initial arrests on or around 14 June 1997.

The 10 men, who were arrested in the region of Los Palos, are believed to have been released without charge. However Amnesty International has been informed that following their release, the men were required to report to the authorities once a fortnight.

The precise reason for the arrests remains unclear, but it is believed to have been in relation to attacks on the military by *Falintil*, the East Timorese National Liberation Army.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.

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